

# HILL REGIONAL CAREER HIGH SCHOOL

## NOVEMBER 2014 PARENT UPDATES

**PTSO Mission Statement:** "It is our mission to work collaboratively with the school community to provide a quality education for our children, through increased parental participation, productive communication and assistance, while fostering a warm and welcoming environment."

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Publicity Committee: PTSO

Parent Liaison, Vernetta Smith

NOVEMBER 2014 SAVE the DATE				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3) Senior Class Dues \$100.00 (Collected all lunch waves)	4) Election Day Teachers In-service	5) Advisory	6)	7)
10)	11) Veterans Day No School	12) Advisory	13) Report Card Night Financial Aid Workshop	14)
17)	18)	19) Advisory PTSO Mtg. @ 5:150M	20) Last day Sr. Pictures	21)
23)	24)	25) Early Dismissal	26) Thanksgiving Day	27) Thanksgiving Break
30)				

**Thursday, November 13, 2014**  
**Report Card Conference - 6:00 – 8:00PM**

**PTSO Meeting: Wednesday, November 19@ 5:30PM**



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*From the Desk of Dr. Negrón,*

It's hard to believe that we've completed the first academic quarter of the school-year. Teachers will be submitting their marking period grades this afternoon and we will have report cards ready for pick up at Report Card Night this Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 6:00 p. m. Although report cards are now accessible through the PowerSchool Parent Portal, I hope that you will take some time out of your busy schedules to stop by on the 13<sup>th</sup> to speak with your child's teachers.

Now in the second marking period, we will be taking a close look at our students' academic performance during the first quarter. We will be encouraging students identified in need of additional support to attend the various tutoring sessions' available after-school. In addition, we will also be offering tutoring support to our winter athletes in order to assist them with balancing their academic and athletic schedules.

As we continue to work together, I ask that you please focus on your child's daily attendance and arrival to school. We are experiencing a high number of students who are routinely arriving late to school. Students are expected to be in their respective first block classes at 7:45 p.m. every day. These minutes tend to add up to significant loss of instruction. At the same time, please make sure to schedule your child's appointments during after-school hours. It is imperative that he/she be in school each and every day to maximize learning. If for some reason your child has to be absent due to an illness or the like, make sure to send a written note with him/her upon his/her return to school. Students who acquire more than 20 unexcused absences during the year will not receive credit; thus jeopardizing their ability to move to the next grade level.

The holiday season is fast-approaching. As we all know, this tends to be a time when children lose focus. We will continue to reiterate our academic and behavioral expectations. I hope that you will do the same at home.

**Parents, The Science Department** at Career High School is proud to announce that we are collaborating with CONNSTEP (<http://www.connstep.org/>) and the New Haven Manufacturers Association (NHMA, <http://newhavenmanufacturers.com/>) to develop opportunities for our students to learn about the exciting postgraduate opportunities that are available to them in manufacturing and STEM-related fields right here in Connecticut.

This past September, during Career High School's "Meet the Teacher Night", we welcomed Jack Crane, CONNSTEP, and Maribel Morgan, Director of Lean Operations at Unicorr (<http://www.unicorr.com/>), who met with students and their families regarding postgraduate employment and educational opportunities with the NHMA.

Coming soon, our 9th graders will be afforded the opportunity to visit local manufacturing facilities to observe the manufacturing operations, learn about the types of skills employees need and what the company's requirements are for new and present employees. Our first visit will be to Lighting Quotient in West Haven (<http://www.thelightingquotient.com/>), which will be happening very soon!

We are committed to doing our very best to support our students in the classroom and beyond. We look forward to enhancing our capacity to foster student career paths in the area of manufacturing and STEM.

For more information, or to share your thoughts please contact Peter Dimoulas ([peter.dimoulas@new-haven.k12.ct.us](mailto:peter.dimoulas@new-haven.k12.ct.us)).

### **Senior Cass Update** **Senior Dues - \$100**

The following is included in senior dues:

- Graduation Venue
- Cap and Gowns
- Diplomas/Case
- Senior Breakfast
- Senior Picnic (with Transportation to and from school)

Seniors will continue to fundraise to assist with any additional cost of senior items and activities, which include but are not limited to yearbook, t-shirt and senior class trip.

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** – Report Card Night (senior hosted Movie Night)

**November 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm** - Senior Fundraiser at Joker's Wild Comedy Club

**Tickets are \$20 each**- Students must be 16 and older to attend. Food and beverages are available for purchase. There is a two drink minimum required by the club. (Bring your family out and support our class)

**December 5<sup>th</sup>** - Coronation Ball **\*\*\*Seniors are asked to pay their class dues before Coronation Ball- the class has agreed to pay at least \$75 before the Coronation Ball**

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** - Senior Prom

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** – Senior Picnic (**Holiday Hill**)

Any additional questions or fundraising ideas, please feel free to contact senior class advisors - Ms. Huckabey or Mrs. Ukiah.

### **Greetings 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,**

As the first marking period comes to a close I want to remind parents and students how important homework completion is. Homework is an extension of what students learned in the classroom and helps to reinforce those concepts. It is important for students' success that homework is completed every night and turned in.

There are many opportunities for students to get help after school in they are struggling academically. Please have your student see their teachers about staying after school for extra help or see Mrs. Esteves-Pinho, Guidance Counselor for information about after school help.

### **FYI: 8th Grade Shadowing at Career HS**

-Shadowing dates are Career:

12/1, 12/2, 12/8, 12/9, 12/15, 12/16, 1/5, 1/13, 1/20, 1/26, 1/27, 2/2, 2/3, 2/9, 2/10

-Students are to report to the main office for 7:30 a.m. and will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m.

-Please email Mrs. Esteves-Pinho

([michelle.esteves-pinho@new-haven.k12.ct.us](mailto:michelle.esteves-pinho@new-haven.k12.ct.us)) with your child's name to schedule a shadow date.

## **BOOST! Student Support Office**

Quinnipiac PAL Program: students in grades 11 and 12 can apply to receive free college credits from Quinnipiac University. The only cost is a \$25 registration fee. Applications are currently available. Students

Big Brothers Big Sisters- Three days a week... Students can pick one of the following days and sites:

Tuesdays- Quinnipiac School on Lexington  
Wednesdays- John Martinez School on James ST  
Thursdays- Truman School- Truman ST  
Update on Yale Internship-five applications left

College Pathways - Sophomores and juniors, who would like to get a head start on the college process, should visit the office for more information about the Girl Scouts sponsored program. They will work on essays, resumes and talk more about affording college.

Zumba - Scheduled to start on October 30th after school

Yale New Haven Hospital Internship - The Yale application is available to Juniors and Seniors interested in an internship in either Business or Health. Please see Mrs. Huckabey for more information. Slots are limited. Applications given on a first come first serve basis - must meet all eligibility requirements.

### As usual, don't forget:

Walk In My Shoes – Tuesdays  
F.A.M.E. Dance – Wednesdays  
Art Club- Thursdays

Elephant in the Room Boxing (NON-CONTACT) - Mondays and Wednesdays

## **Guidance**

Counselors are working closely with seniors to meet Early Action college deadlines. Remember, please let your counselor know 2 weeks in advance when you know you have a deadline coming up.  
Use Powerschool to monitor attendance. If your child is out sick, write a note excusing their absence within two days of their return to school.

## **Student News – Career' Swim Team**

Senior, Emma Baker qualified for State finals!!! This is the first time she made it in both her events!!!

We are so grateful to Emma for being our ONE person swim team!! She has quietly represented Career HS for four years and we are so proud she wears our school colors!

Her last swim meet is Tuesday at SCSU Nov 11 at 6pm.

She's had a great high school run. Thank you Emma!

## **Citywide Student Government**

Career students featured in an article in the New Haven Independent.

[http://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/students\\_say\\_no\\_to\\_gpa\\_minimum/](http://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/students_say_no_to_gpa_minimum/)

## **Community News**

Mentoring in Medicine 8th Annual Health and Science Expo: Saturday, December 13, 2014  
Please join Mentoring in Medicine, Inc. and Science Pathfinders at our 8th Annual NYC Conference called the **Health and Science Expo: Empowerment and Education on Saturday, December 13, 2014** from 8:00am-3:00pm at Frederick Douglass Academy I, 2581 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd (on 7th Avenue between 148th and 150th). Parents, educators and students (elementary through college/post-baccalaureate studies) are invited. It is free! Sign-up today at [www.medicalmentor.org](http://www.medicalmentor.org)

You will:

- 1-Participate in hands-on activities like guided dissections and suturing
- 2-Learn life saving techniques
- 3-Meet health and science professionals
- 4-Attend educational workshops
- 5-Find out about resources on financial aid, scholarships, internships, summer programs and more!

We look forward to seeing you on **Saturday, December 13, 2014**. Register at [www.medicalmentor.org](http://www.medicalmentor.org)

## **2014 Family Holiday Assistance**

Places willing to offer assistance with meals, presents, utilities, etc., for the holiday season..... See English and Spanish flyers below.

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